



YouthWorks Summer Program Returns to DGS



Congratulations to our new and returning **YouthWorks** summer interns as they begin their internships with the Department of General Services (DGS). Yesterday was the first day of the summer learning experience where high school and college students received on-the-job training in areas of their choosing in Real Estate, Payroll, Information

Technology, Facilities Operations, Procurement or the Office of the Secretary.

YouthWorks is a program designed match well-prepared, multi-skilled and dependable high school and college students with jobs in their fields of interest. The students range from 14-21 years of old. During employment, they will develop the essential work skills that today's employers are looking for.

This year's DGS program director, Lisa Hall, welcomed 15 students to DGS this summer, the third consecutive year that the department has participated in the program. All of the students are from the Baltimore area, representing not just themselves but schools like Western, Carver Vocational, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Mt. Saint Joseph, and Maritime Academy high schools.

First year participant Diontae Williams came dressed and ready to impress on his first day of work. "I am excited to get started and learn as much as I can," said Williams, who is currently a sophomore at Virginia State University.

Everyone wins when it comes to having this successful summer program with DGS. The employees have the opportunity to earn \$7.50 per hour while working five days per week at a maximum of 25 hours per week. On the other hand, the employers have the opportunity to work with these productive employees as they help to complete various tasks throughout their business and/or organization and provide training for a possible entry-level position.

YouthWorks is a service of the Mayor's Office of Employment Development, the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board Youth Council and multiple workforce partners.